

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Downtown Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$ 3,000,000**House District: 23 - L**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project will construct traffic and pedestrian safety improvements in downtown Anchorage.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$6,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$3,000,000	09				
Total	\$3,000,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Grant would be used to construct traffic and pedestrian safety improvements in Downtown Anchorage. This project has been identified as one of the highest priorities for the municipality of Anchorage. State funds would be matched by local road bonds. Improvements to be funded by this grant include, pedestrian crossings, road rehabilitation, lighting, and storm drains.

Project Timeline:

Construction would begin in the summer of 2008

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
CAPITAL BUDGET
HIGH PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

PROJECT NAME: DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
PROJECT TYPE: Road and Safety Upgrades
GRANT REQUEST: \$3,000,000
PRIORITY: 8

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project will construct traffic and pedestrian safety improvements in downtown Anchorage. Development in the downtown area is increasing pedestrian traffic. Increased pedestrian traffic unavoidably affects road traffic. Anchorage voters have approved substantial local road bond funding to address these growing safety concerns in the downtown area. A 50/50 funding partnership is proposed for this grant with bond funds approved by Anchorage voters on April 1, 2008.

Construction will be focused on E Street, F Street, and G Street, primarily between 4th Avenue and 7th Avenue. The project is being developed in segments. Improvements funded with this grant are expected to include pedestrian road crossing upgrades, pavement and sidewalk rehabilitation, storm drainage, and street lighting. If heated or widened sidewalks are added to the scope, they will be funded with local road bonds. A grant in the \$1.5 million range would be adequate to fully fund an independent project.

Construction is expected to start in 2009.

COMMENTS:

Design is funded and underway.

JUSTIFICATION:

This project will enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety, improve street lighting, and promote economic development in the downtown area.

FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9721 – Bond Proceeds	\$3,000	0	0	0	0	0	\$3,000
9825 – State Grant Revenue – Direct	\$3,000	0	0	0	0	0	\$3,000
Project Total	\$6,000	0	0	0	0	0	\$6,000

Legislative District (s)

House and Senate Districts: 23-Downtown/Rogers Park
Community Councils: Downtown

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